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LAS VEGAS WEATHER

June 1—Maximum 105; Minimum 66. Maximum for the season 108.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, June 1 (U.P.)—Copper spot and future 8½; Lead spot New York 3.75; East St. Louis 3.60; Zinc spot and future 3.25; Bar silver 26⅝ cents.

State Fails To Identify David Clark As Slayer of Crawford and Spencer

ELECTION HAS PART IN L. A. HEARING OF ATTORNEY

Reporter's Story Is Blocked as Counsel Mentions Contest

Mystery Blonde Again Enters Case; Story Says She's Involved

LOS ANGELES, June 1 (U.P.)—The election tomorrow in which David H. Clark will be a candidate for municipal judgeship, played an important part today in his preliminary hearing on charges of murdering Charles Crawford, politician, and Herbert Spencer, magazine editor.

The state called Ralph Shawhan, newspaper reported in an effort to introduce statements assertedly made to him by Clark concerning the mysterious "blonde woman" of the case.

The blonde is reported by some witnesses to have motored Clark to Crawford's real estate office shortly before the shooting. However the defense staved off Shawhan's testimony temporarily at least.

W. L. Gilbert, defense attorney, pleaded that no man running for high public office should be assailed prior to election by a statement that the state has indicated Shawhan might repeat as having come from Clark. Judge Surfimacker agreed.

When the state rested its case late today it had not established even one definite identification of Clark as the slayer.

CHURCH MEET FLAYS STATE

PITTSBURGH, June 1 (U.P.)—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church today criticized Nevada for its divorce clause which "prostituted its stathood" and scored Hollywood for "blazing the way toward paganism".

The assembly refused to approve birth control and acted on many other questions.

The report of the marriage commission containing strong disapproval of the Nevada divorce capital and immorality in motion pictures was adopted overwhelmingly.

The resolution of the board of Christian education touching upon a half dozen national question, was also adopted. Protest was registered only on two items.

"We are witnessing a recrudescence of paganism with Hollywood blazing the way and Nevada is prostituting its statehood and pandering to the weakness of human nature for thirty pieces of silver," the report of the marriage commission said.

Opposition to any change in Sunday blue laws, particularly in the way of legalizing sports and motion pictures was expressed in a resolution by the board of Christian education.

STEAL GOLD FROM OFFICES

Robbers took advantage of the two day holiday over the week-end and raided the offices of two dentists, Dr. J. D. Smith, Mesquite building; and Dr. Robert M. Meyers, 121 Fremont street, both reported to police that their offices had been entered sometime Saturday orSunday, and that in each instance small quantities of gold had been stolen. Nothing else of value was missing officers who investigated, learned.

THREE CARS IN ACCIDENT

In a triangular accident on Fremont street yesterday, damage was mostly confined to a car that was parked. According to the accident report at the police station, E. A. Foot, driving a taxicab rammed George S. Day, who was coming out from the curb. The impact sent Day's car back and it crashed into a car owned by R. J. Shorts which was parked, alongside the curb. A settlement was made out of court, it was learned.

AT CHARLESTON

Among those to spend Saturday at Charleston were Walker R. Young, and family, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Malone, Louis C. Crampton, Miss Kate McDougal and Ralph Lowry and wife.

WHERE LINER IS STRANDED

The picture above, rushed to The Age by airplane, shows the noted coastal liner, Harvard, as it was slowly being ground to pieces on a submerged reef off Point Arguella. An inquiry into the grounding of the steamer will be started today.

START STEAMER WRECK QUIZ; COAST LINER IS STILL ON REEF

SAN PEDRO—The first witness who will tell how the liner Harvard went aground off Point Arguello, with 497 passengers aboard, probably will be heard tomorrow by Capt. S. A. Kennedy, inspector of hulls for the United States steamboat inspection service. Meanwhile the state of the Harvard remains in doubt. Salvage tugs stayed alongside and three divers were inspecting the condition of the steamer below the water line. Efforts to salvage the ship will depend on their report and upon pump tests to determine whether the Harvard will float if it is pulled free.

Part of the cargo was removed today aboard lighters. It was not possible to enter all holds and the main deck it was said, was covered with water.

The ship's officers probably will be the first witnesses. Capt. Hilfinger is still aboard the Harvard with several of his crew and probably will remain there until it is determined whether the boat can be saved.

ASKS TRIAL WITH JURY

M. A. Keyes facing charges of assault and battery, yesterday before Judge Krank M. Ryan demanded trial through his attorney, Roger A. Foley. A venire of eighteen was requested. The compliant against Keyes was sworn to by his divorced wife, Mrs. Alice Farris.

J. M. HEATON WILL RETIRE

After twenty-five years of active service with the Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad, J. M. Heaton, agent for the company in this city, wil retire with a pension in a few days.

Heaton will continue to play a prominent part in the affairs of Las Vegas, but will spend most of his time developing the radio station which he established a year ago.

Heaton first was associated with the Indiana, Bloomington and Western railroad, 52 years ago, as a ticket clerk, later joining the Santa Fe company, where he remained until coming to Las Vegas in 1907.

LICENSE FEES TOTAL $16,640

As an indication of the extra clerical work heaped upon the Sheriff's office since the legalizing of gambling in Nevada, it was announced yesterday that virtually the entire time of one deputy is now spent in the handling of licenses.

Or better news to the taxpayers is the announcement that $16,640 have been collected by the office and turned over to the treasurer. These collections cover the time since April 1.

Baming licenses compose a large part of the total, $15,450 representing gambling fees. The balance of $1,190 was collected for cigaret licenses and pool hall permits, it was said.

Mrs. W. P. Bressingham, who left for Salt Lake last week, will visit her aunt Miss Abbie Mahoney and her brother James Lynch.

PETTY THEFTS ARE REPORTED

Among the petty thefts received at the police station, according to Chief Nash, was the disappearance of a black Gladstone traveling bag, containing personal effects from the rumble seat of a car which was parked in front of Carrol's Gift and Toggery shop on Fremont.

A valuable camera was also stolen from a car parked in front of the MacDonald hotel on North Fifth, sometime yesterday.

CAR OWNERS ARE WARNED

A warning was issued to all automobile drivers in Las Vegas by Chief of Police Percy Nash yesterday. Chief Nash declared that the city is being well "worked" by sneak thieves, as indicated by a constant stream of reports on petty thefts, mostly from unlocked cars. Chief Nash declared that if car drivers made it a habit to lock their vehicles at all times, and thus remove temptation from the sneaks, police work would be gretly aided.

"The department would be able to clean up these fellows as they appear" he said, "if it wasn't spread outside through underground channels that Vegas cars were easy marks."

JANE SPEER MARRIED HERE

Miss Eleanor Jane Speer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Speer, of 12 Bonneville street, become the bride of Kenneth Armistead, Saturday evening at 6:00 o'clock. The wedding was held at the Methodist Church with Rev. C. S. Reynolds performing the ceremony.

Alice Hicks was the bridesmaid and Donald Speer, the best man. Close friends and relatives attended and at 7:00 o'clock, dinner was served at the Meadows. The young couple will leave for Bakersfield, Calif., where they will make their home.

Two Men Are Killed In Explosion Of Locomotive Boiler in Arizona

McNARY, Ariz., (U.P.)—Two men were killed instantly and five others were injured seriously today when the boiler of a logging railroad locomotive exploded. The dead are Paul Dadillo, Indian sawmill worker, and Soto Guillermo, Mexican logger. The locomotive was pulling a train and was coming to a halt in the local yards when the boiler exploded without warning. Officials of the Cody Lumber company, operators of the railroad started an investigation into the explosion in an effort to determine its cause.

COURT DENIES REVIEW OF BRIBERY CASE

Fall Request Turned Down; Fate Is Up To Pres. Hoover

Will Clear Way For Summoning of Aged Man For Sentence

WASHINGTON, June 1. (AP)—The United States Supreme Court today refused to review the case of Albert Fall on his conviction for bribery unless President Hoover grants clemency, Fall must present himself before the District of Columbia Supreme Court for commitment. He is under one year sentence for accepting a one hundred thousand dollar bribe. Probably tomorrow the Court of Appeals will be advised of the Supreme Court's action and will notify the District of Columbia Supreme Court. This will leave the trial court in a position to summon the aged man before it for commitment.

Fall was convicted of accepting money from Edward Doheny, wealthy oil man in connection with the awarding of leases on the Naval Oil Reserves. Doheny was acquitted some time ago on a charge of offering the bribe.

MRS. LEAVITT IS LAID AT REST ON SUNDAY

With a host of friends in attendance, Mrs. Ada Leavitt, wife of Thomas Leavitt, sr., was laid at rest in Bunkerville, Sunday.

Funeral services were held at the Bunkerville high school. They included: Song "Consolation" mixed chorus.

Prayer; Harmon Tobler.

Song; "Sometime We'll Understand", Ladies chorus.

First Speaker; Bishop Abbott of Mesquite. Second Speaker, Bishop Bryan Bunker of Las Vegas.

Song; "School Thy Feelings Oh My Brother" Male Quartet.

Third Speaker; Edgar Mineer Supt. Educational District No. 1.

Mixed Chorus; "Sister Thou Were Mild and Lovely."

Remarks by Bishop Wittwer.

Benediction; Thos. Abbott of Mesquite.

The following were pall bearers: Thos. Leavitt Jr., Vicen, Lorin, Lemuel Leavitt of Bunkerville and Myron and Eldon Leavitt of Las Vegas.

The grave was dedicated by Esmond Hughes of Mesquite.

Each speaker paid high tribute to Mrs. Leavitt as a loving mother.

Deceased was born in Yorkshire, England in 1869. Her parents immigrated to Hyde Park, Utah while she was a small child. Later they moved to St. George, Utah where she met her husband.

She was the mother of eleven chidren: Mrs. Adolph Sittle, Laurence and Verl Leavitt and Mrs. Ira Earl of Las Vegas, Mrs. Hattie Black of Magna, Utah; Mrs. Laura Molton of Delta, Utah; Mrs. Esther Brawn of Dayton, Nevada; Mrs. Zelma Leavitt of Mesquite, Nevada; Mrs. Merl Wittwer; Fearl and Will Leavitt of Bunkerville.

Mrs. Black, arrived at the bedside of her mother just before she passed on, making the family circle complete.

SCRANTON MAN DIES IN CITY

Nick Kurtz, aged 40 years, five months and eleven days, passed away Sunday at the Ferguson-Balcom hospital after an illness of two weeks. Death was caused by tuberculosis.

Kurtz was born in Scranton, Pa., and had been in Las Vegas but a short time. Funeral services will be held this morning from the Palm Funeral Home.

MRS. HONSTEDT HAS OPERATION

Mrs. Cora Lee Honstedt is recovering from an operation in which a broken collar bone was reset. The operation was performed by Dr. F. M. Ferguson Monday morning.

Mrs. Honstedt was injured in an auto crash recently on the Tonopah highway.

PLAN TO STAY

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Foscarni and daughter have arrived here from Midland, California. They are planning to make Las Vegas their home.

POLICE CHIEF NASH IS TO OFFER HIS REPORT

Identification Bureau of City Department Said Successful

Operations are Shown For First 5 Months Of Current Year

In the report of Chief of Police Percy Nash, which will be submitted to the board of City commissioners soon, the number of arrests made, operations of the identification bureau, expenses of the office and general business of the department are told in detail for the first five months of the year 1931.

POLICING INCREASES

Total salaries for the department were $5,676.27. Showing the increase in policing due to the growth of the city, salaries for May were $1,400 as compared with $1,023.26 for January. Supplies cost $391.52 for the five month period; and operating expenses totaled $957.66 for the same time.

Cost of meals for prisoners in the city jail umped from 146.30 for January to $276.50 for May, making a total of $924.30. Auto expenses totaled $1,147.01 for the five months and equipment amounted to $244.50. Total operating expenses were $9,341.26.

Covering a period from the last eleven months of 1927 to June 1, 1931 the report shows a total of fines collected and forfeit bail of $33,276.35; more than five thousand dollars of which was collected since the first of the year.

Total expenses for the last eleven months of 1929 to date were $46,233.15.

MORE ARRESTS

The number of arrests, exclusive of traffic tags for the last period in 1929 was 716; for 1930 it was 792, exclusive of traffic tags; and for the first five months of this

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FEELING HIGH AS FACISTS BAN MADE

ROME, June 2. (U.P.)—A critical stage was reached early today in the negotiation for settlement of difficulties between the Fascist and the Holy See, when the government was reported to have submitted what was described as a "maximum demand" under which the Catholic laymen organization "Azione Catollica", would cease to exist as a whole.

The Azione Catollica which has been disbanded throughout Italy on orders of Premier Mussolini, has been the center of the controversy because of Fascist charges that it infringed on political affairs.

Should the so-called maximum demand of the government be rejected—as was considered most likely, it was said the government would then ask that the leaders of the Azione Catollica be chosen only after a thorough investigation of their selection as regards to political affiliations and that their selection be made subject to final approval by the government.

JUDGMENT IS GIVE P. H. HAY

When Ed E. Strupat, defendent in an action in the justice court to recover $281 and costs for labor done, failed to appear, judgement was found for Peter B. Hay, the plaintiff, by Judge Frank M. Ryan.

BANNER MONTH AT POSTOFFICE

Another banner month was reported by Postmaster C. K. Ryerse yesterday and totals were being struck for the month of May.

One hundred forty thousand letters were handled in the Las Vegas postoffice during the preceeding thirty-one days. This is by far the greatest amount of mail handled, topping the former all-high month of December by 32,000.

Forty-four thousand dollars in money order business was done during May and $23,000 was paid out on money orders presented.

MILLER RESTING AFTER OPERATION

R. D. (Dick) Miller was operated upon Friday of last week in the San Clemente, Cal., hospital, for gall stones. Doctor Grant, noted surgeon performed the operation.

It is expected that Miller will be confined to the hospital for the next ten days. His physician reports Miller to be resting easily.

New City Officials Assume Their Duties; Mayor Tells Plans for Vegas Betterment

NOT TIMID

From catching a 12-foot shark outside the heads of Sydney, Australia to taming a frightened young kangaroo, is all in the day's adventures for this talented young American pipe organist, Julia Dawn. Miss Dawn, who arrived in San Francisco recently on the liner Sierra from a tour of Australia, is en route to her home in Memphis, Tenn.

DEATH VALLEY SCOTTY IS TO INVADE EUROPE, INTENT ON BREAKING BANK AT MONTE CARLO WITH COOL MILLION

Walter (Death Valley) Scott is going to Europe to break the Bank at Monte Carlo.

With a million dollars in real money, not stocks, bonds, mortgages or securities, but the best United States money in the world, Death Valley Scotty, now that the great Castle is cmpleted and Death Valley dotted with lunch rooms and netted with highways and motor bus lines, Scotty is getting restless.

Tearing down and building up portions of the Castle no longer interest this child of the desert. Like Alexander, Scotty longs for new worlds to conquer. And he has a right to aspire to the world's utmost thrills because he has played the game and is still able to look every damn man in the eye and tell him to go to hell.

So, the new world with its deserts and its mines, its forests and its railroads have been conquered by the keen eye and alert brain of Death Valley Scotty, he longs to match wits with the hawk eyed card sharpers of Monte Carlo.

His is a challenge to the world and he waits not the coming of takers. Scotty goes into the jaws of hell with both eyes open and his million dollars in his hands. He starts for Europe just as soon as he can close up a few small affairs connected with the Castle.

"There will be no crooked work put over on me," said Scotty. "I know how to take care of myself. But I intend to teach those slick manipulators of the cards how we play in America. I intend to lift the lid as high as those fellows will let me. And will soon find out who has the nerve to play with the sky as the limit and a million dollars in real gold coin to wager."

Scotty, who was in Las Vegas last night will leave on this European trip just as soon as he attends to a few odds and ends of business. He is not a stranger to the old world, having toured Europe pretty thoroughly with a wild west show.

He is entirely in earnest in his intention to break the bank at Monte Carlo and the Old World will see New World money pitted against the best the Old World can muster in the way of talent.

We are betting on Scotty to come home with half a dozen millions added to the one he is taking with him.

MISSES DEATH IN KNIFE PLAY

Missing death by an eighth of an inch is the experience of La France Smith, whose throat was slashed almost from his Adams apple to his ear during an alley brawl in the rear of El Patio theatre Sunday. Jose Jackson Smith, who says he is a Peublo Indian, is being held in connection with the case by the police department. According to officers the men had been drinking in a near-by cabin and after walking out into the alley started an argument, fists flew first and the knife came into action. Physicians said if the knife had cut an eighth of an inch deeper Smith's jugular vein would have been severed, as it was they sewed up the wound and sent the victim of the knife play home.

ON BUSINESS

J. W. Lawler, of Seattle, is in Las Vegas on business. He is an official of the General Construction Corporation, which was awarded the contract for the construction of the highway from Boulder City to the dam site. L. G. Le Tourneau, Inc., subcontractor has nearly completed the road.

WILL GIVE QUIZZ FOR MAIL CLERK

Civil Service examinations for mail clerks and carriers, men only, desiring to qualify for post office positions, will be held in Las Vegas during the month of June.

This announcement was made by Mrs. Lillie Pistole, civil service secretary, who also stated that applications must be in the civil service office at San Francisco, by June 5, 1931. The exact date will be announced later but will probably be about June 20.

Further information can be obtained at the local post office from Mrs. Pistole.

THREE HURT IN HIGHWAY CRASH

Three women tourists were slightly injured and their two men companions shaken up when their car collided with one driven by Dr. Myers of Las Vegas and a young man companion fifteen miles this side of Baker on the Los Angeles highway yesterday afternoon.

The Ford car of the tourists was badly wrecked and the women occupants sustained minor cuts on the legs from flying glass, according to passing motorists.

Nevada Senators Arrive in China To Conduct Probe of Silver Price

SHANGHIA, China, June, 1 (AP)—Senator and Mrs. Key Pittman of Nevada arrived here today from Japan.

Senator Tasker L. Oddie also of Nevada arrived here yesterday from Manila. Both will study the slump in the silver prices of China. They will confer with government officials at Nanking concerning the problem and also about the possibilities of holding an international silver conferenec.

Senator Robinson of Indiana and Representatives Dowell of Iowa, and Gibson of Vermont, also arrived yesterday from Manila.

CRAGIN'S AIM IS BIGGER, BETTER CITY

Urges Sewer Action; To Put Major Jobs Before Citizens

Appoints Department Heads at Meeting of New Vegas Board

With no more of a jolt than a ship feels when it crosses the Tropic of Capricorn, the city administration was changed yesterday afternoon.

START AT 3:30 P. M.

At three-thirty o'clock, after Mayor Hesse, Commission er O. J. Smith and the holdover members of the board completed the work of approving bills and other items of business properly belonging to the outgoing administration, Mayor E. W. Cragin and Commissioner W. B. Mundy took their places at the council table took the oath of office, filed their bonds and the deed was done.

As the first act of the new administration Mayor Cragin read the following statement outlining his policies and his aspirations:

Having been elected to the office of Mayor for the ensuing four years, I desire to outline my policies and ask your co-operation in carrying them out.

HANDICAPPED

While we are handicapped because of insufficient funds to carry on an extensive program of improvements I feel there is considerable we can do with our present facilities.

It is my only thought to make Las Vegas bigger and better, a city up and going, a city our own people are proud of and a place where people will want to come, and I know if you are taking your work with the same seriousness, our thoughts are the same.

If we are to grow and progress, we must have the co-operation of every man, woman and child in Las Vegas. The public through their vote have shown their confidence in us, and we must retain that confidence by working for the interests of all, not a favored few. Our community is without harmony, it is a community of petty jealousies and if we are to be successful in administering the affairs of our city, we must bring about harmony.

We must take advantage of the Boulder Dam project and get capital and industry interested in our city. We should encourage legitimate undertakings; those that are not should not be tolerated.

PROTECT MERCHANTS

We should protect our merchants and business men who have been the backbone of our community, guard against those who prey upon our citizenry; they have no investment, they are here today and gone tomorrow.

We should let the world know Las Vegas is a good place to live in, that we bear a good reputation and that our city is free from the grafters and is not the stench hole we have been painted.

We should seek the co-operation of our chamber of commerce and other civic organizations and seek their support in solving our many problems.

There is no end to our work. We will, no doubt, be criticized for many things we do, but we should at all times try only to please the majority and have only the good of our town at heart.

The matter of sewers must have our undivided attention. Before we consider another bond election, the people must first be acquainted with what this $160,000 covers—they must know where these mains are to be located; they must know what kind of a disposal plant they are going to get and must know the approximate cost of the laterals connecting with their property. While the present plans look satisfactory to me; I am not an engineer and I think someone other than ourselves should pass on them. I think we should ask Mr. Walker Young and the railroad company's engineer to pass on them. I feel these gentlemen would be glad to assist us. Because of our rapid growth and for sanitary reasons this matter should be taken care of at once. A large portion of this sewer work will require manual labor and it will greatly help in our present unemployment situation.

BEFORE PEOPLE

I am also going to insist that all major improvements be placed before the people before final action is taken by the board, that the bids be open to all contractors and not to a

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